

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks. Prior to entry of this response, Claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-11, 13, and 15-28 were pending in the application, of which claims 1, 11, 18, 19, 21, and 22 are independent. In the Office Action dated April 19, 2006, claims 1-3, 5-7, 9, 10, 13, 15-18, 20, 23, and 25 were allowed while claims 11, 19, 21, 22, 24, and 26-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,213,652 ("*Suzuki*") in view of what the Examiner alleges to be Applicants' Admitted Prior Art ("*AAPA*") and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 5,669,040 ("*Hisatake*").

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for allowing claims 1-3, 5-7, 9, 10, 13, 15-18, 20, 23, and 25. Claims 21 and 27 have been canceled without prejudice. The Examiner's rejections of claims 11, 19, 22, 24, 26, and 28 are hereby addressed in turn.

Claims 11, 22, 24, and 28

The Examiner rejected claims 11, 22, 24, and 28 as being obvious in view of the combination of *Suzuki*, *AAPA*, and *Hisatake*. Applicants respectfully submit that the above combination fails to render obvious each and every feature of claims 11, 22, 24, and 28.

Specifically, Applicants submit that independent claim 11 requires storing "a first condition satisfied by a job which is stopped and deleted without any restriction in response to a predetermined event and a second condition satisfied by a job which is paused in response to the predetermined event." Claim 11 additionally recites "a stop

section that stops and deletes the job satisfying the first condition in response to the predetermined event” and “a pause section that makes a job, which is being executed by the execution section and satisfies the second condition pause in response to the predetermined event.” In accordance with the above recitation, the stopping and deleting of a job by the stop section and the pausing of a job by the pause section are carried out in response to the same predetermined event.

In rejecting claim 11, the Examiner conceded that “*Suzuki* does not disclose a stop section that stops the job satisfying the first condition in response to the predetermined event.” Office Action, page 4. However, the Examiner asserted that *Hisatake* cures this deficiency of *Suzuki*. Applicants respectfully disagree and submit that *Hisatake*, in the section pointed to by the Examiner, merely states that “[t]o temporarily stop processing of a desired job, cancel the job itself . . . the operator selects the desired job out of the job list on the job listing section U11 and may press a STOP key U12b, a RESTART key U12c, or a CANCEL key U12d in the job operation section for the selected job.” Column 13, lines 15-20. In accordance with this disclosure of *Hisatake*, to stop a job, a user must first select the job from the job list and then press the STOP key. Similarly, to cancel a job, the user must again select the job to be canceled from the job list and then press the CANCEL key. In this way, *Hisatake* unambiguously requires two sets of user actions or events to stop a job and to pause a job. Therefore, *Hisatake* fails to cure *Suzuki* ‘s deficiency because it also fails to show or suggest stopping and deleting a job by the stop section and pausing a job by the pause section in response to the same predetermined event, as required by claim 11.

AAPA was not used by the Examiner to show this feature and it indeed does not show or suggest such a feature.

Accordingly, at least because none of *Suzuki*, *AAPA*, and *Hisatake* shows or suggests each and every feature recited in claim 11, claim 11 is not obvious in view of their combination under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Claim 22 includes a feature that substantially correspond to the above-discussed feature of claim 11 and is, therefore, also not obvious in view of the combination of *Suzuki*, *AAPA*, and *Hisatake*. Claims 24 and 28 depend from independent claims 11 and 22, respectively, and are, therefore, additionally allowable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) at least because of their dependency on an allowable base claim.

Claims 19 and 26

In allowing claims 1-3, 5-7, 9, 10, 13, 15-18, 20, 23, and 25, the Examiner stated that “the prior art does not disclose a setting section that allows a user to set a pause condition for each job kind a stop condition for each job kind” and “the controller makes a first job, which is being executed by the execution section and satisfies the pause condition, pause and stop and delete a second job.” Office Action, page 5.

Applicants submit that independent claim 19 includes features that are substantially similar to the allowable features stated by the Examiner above. Specifically, claim 19 recites “a setting section that allows a user to set a pause condition for each job kind and a stop condition for each job kind except for a facsimile job,” “a stop section that stops and deletes the job satisfying the first condition in response to the predetermined event,” and “a pause section that makes a job, which is

being executed by the execution section and satisfies the second condition pause in response to the predetermined event."

Therefore, Applicants submit that at least because claim 19 includes features that are deemed allowable by the Examiner and because the Examiner failed to point out where in *Suzuki*, *AAPA*, or *Hisatake* the above features of claim 19 are shown, claim 19 is not rendered obvious by the combination of *Suzuki*, *AAPA*, and *Hisatake*. Claim 26 depends from claim 19 and is, therefore, also not rendered obvious by the above combination.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants submit that the claims, as amended, are neither anticipated nor rendered obvious in view of the prior art references cited against this application. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

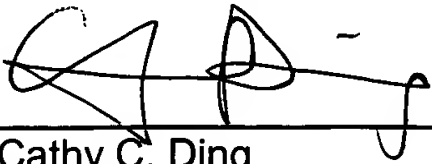
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